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4th Landing Support Battalion Family Newsletter

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CSSD-25 HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON

HE (heavy equipment) platoon landed in country on Valentine's Day, the 14th of February. During our stay, we have smoothly transitioned in taking over the tasks of the Marines who are headed home. It was great seeing some of the Marines from Ft. Lewis as well as other reserve units, who are anxious to head back to the states. They have generously passed down items from bikes to bookcases to even televisions, refrigerators, and rugs, making our stay as comfortable as it can be over the next several months.

HE has the responsibility in supporting the entire base of Al Asad. Half of the platoon has been tasked out at the flightline (ACG/DACG) working around the clock, loading and off-loading supplies from the planes. The other half has been supporting various sections on base, such as supply, TMO, S-1, Motor Pool, bulk fuel, special forces, etc... Also, in conjunction with Motor Transportation, a few Marines from HE have been apart of the resupply convoys going out to nearby cities/camps.

The chow hall, gym, and MWR center have all been accommodating. Friday Night Fights have been the biggest event, where the Marines have dominated the army. Cpl. Goatz with SSgt. Espinoza as his corner man fought couple weeks ago and won his boxing match. The chow hall has been good for the most part, while the gym is open 24 hours. An event is scheduled every night at the MWR allowing Marines, sailors, and soldiers to have fun and relax.

Overall, HE platoon is doing fine settling into its new home for the next several months. Though HE is working around the clock with each Marine working different shifts, we are doing an outstanding job upholding the mission at hand. Included are a few photographs of HE over the month of February. For the month of March, we have two birthdays coming up. LCpl. Green from Vienna, OH turns age 30 on the 8th. LCpl. Hwang turns age 22 on the 22nd. I have included their profile, which includes a brief description of the Marine's favorite hobbies, foods, etc... as well as their pictures. Other than else, I hope everything in the states has been going smoothly.

Semper Fi Cpl Kim



WITH THE PENDING RETURN OF OUR MARINES FROM ALPHA COMPANY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SPOUSES AND FAMILIES DO NOT TRAVEL TO CALIFORNIA TO MEET THEIR MARINES. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO EXPEDITE THEIR RETURN TO THE RESERVE CENTER IN FORT LEWIS. ONCE THE MARINES RETURN TO FORT LEWIS THEY WILL BE PLACED IN A 96 HOUR LIBERTY STATUS. AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE MARINES WILL RECEIVE A 96 HOUR LIBERTY PERIOD WHILE IN CALIFORNIA.

RETURN AND REUNION INFORMATION

INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES:

RETURN AND REUNION WORKSHOP FOR SPOUSES AND FAMILIES

http://www.lifelines2000.org/return/Reunion_files/frame.htm

RETURN AND REUNION GUIDE FOR FAMILIES AND MARINES

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/MCFTB/return/Marine%20Corps%20Return%20and%20Reunion.pdf>

RETURN AND REUNION INFORMATION FOR MARINES

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/MCFTB/return.asp>

FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THESE WEB SITES PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF THEIR MARINE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES COMING TO FORT LEWIS TO MEET MARINES OF ALPHA COMPANY

-Families without a military ID card can use Ft Lewis lodging as long as they have a military sponsor with them when they check into lodging.

-Vehicle Passes

Anyone who does not have a base sticker must go to the Visitors Center located at exit 120 off of I-5. Getting a vehicle pass can take anywhere from 10 minutes to 1 hour. You can get a pass the day prior. Ask for a 2-day pass.

Ensure you bring with you the following:

-Let the Soldier or Security Guard at the Visitors Center know you are here for 4th Landing Support Battalion redeployment.

-Current vehicle registration
-Updated proof of car insurance
-Valid drivers license

-Everyone over the age of 16 must have a photo ID

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MARINES ON THEIR RECENT PROMOTIONS

Cpl Michael Jandle PFC Coleman Jennings
LCpl Joshua Penner LCpl Travis Petiti
LCpl Sean Pierson Sgt Steven Santangelo
PFC Jonathan Gurango PFC Aaron Halverson
Sgt Christopher Malloy Sgt Jesse Martindale
Sgt Carlos Morrow Cpl Matthew Warhol



**GySgt Glenz and GySgt Campbell
Receive Letters of Appreciation**

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Key Volunteer Training-

www.marinenet.usmc.mil/portal/course-kvn.asp

L.I.N.K.S. Information- http://www.usmc-mccs.org/MCFTB/Links/ftb_links_main.asp

TRICARE-1-800-404-4506

TRICARE ASSISTANCE:

<http://www.samhouston.army.mil/thems/them.asp>

Reserve Affairs

<http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/familyreadiness.html>

Although rarely displayed since World War II, the Service flag can now be seen hanging from the windows of homes with family members serving in the United States Armed Forces.



The Service Flag, also known as the "Son in Service" flag was commonly displayed during World War I and II in patriotic support of our armed forces fighting for freedom. The flag is authorized to be flown during any

period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States may be engaged, for the duration of such period of war or hostilities.

CSSD-25 Marines Information-<http://www.cssd25kvn.org/>



4TH LSB WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING MARINES

LCpl Jarid Bain LCpl Jessie Castereldrige LCpl Erik Chapman LCpl Dominique Martin
PFC Christopher Miller LCpl Thomas Ralston SSgt Phillip Shadden Capt Jason Smith
PFC Jason Graham PFC Jacob Wagner

MAILING ADDRESS FOR H&S MARINES DEPLOYED WITH CSSD 25

RANK / NAME
(PLATOON OF YOUR MARINE)
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
CSSD - 25
UNIT 76685
FPO AE 09509 - 6685

REMINDER

If your loved one is seriously injured you will be notified by the Family Readiness Officer (FRO) within 24 hours of the FRO receiving the information. Don't believe the so-called "prank" phone calls that something has happened to your Marine or Sailor.

Report such activity to your local police department immediately.

Trust only what you hear from your Marines Command, FRO, or from your loved one.

MARINE PROFILE FROM OUR DEPLOYED HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON

Name: Yoon Hwang
Rank: LCpl
Date of Birth: 3/22/1983
Hometown: Seattle, WA

Favorite food: Korean BBQ Short Ribs
Favorite movie: Top Gun
Favorite music: Hip Hop
Favorite book: Catcher in the Rye

What I miss the most... "girls, motorcycles, and Korean food, and not necessarily in that order."

What I'm most proud of... "being granted admission into the Business School at the University of Washington."

Favorite Quote: "The worst mistake is the one you don't learn from." - Yoon Hwang

A FEW GOOD STUDENTS!

The **MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** is looking for students who qualify for **Academic Year 2005-2006** scholarships.

YOU CAN QUALIFY IF YOU ARE.....

- the **son or daughter** of a Marine on active duty, in the Reserve, retired or deceased
- the **son or daughter** of a Marine or Marine Reservist who has received an Honorable Discharge, Medical Discharge, or who was killed while in the service of our country
- the **son or daughter** of an active duty, reserve, or former US Navy Corpsman

who is serving or has served with the US Marine Corps

AND YOU ARE.....

- a senior in high school
- a high school graduate
- currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited college or university
- currently enrolled in a post high school accredited vocational/technical school

AND.....

- **your 2004 family income is \$61,000* or less**

* the limit increases if siblings also apply

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www.mcsf.us

For further information call 800-292-7777 ***Application Submission Deadline: April 15, 2005***
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